



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 543

LCO No. 2609

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-28b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes: (1) If, during
4 any fiscal year, the state receives federal block grant funds, the
5 Governor shall submit recommended allocations of such funds to the
6 speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore
7 of the Senate. Within five days of receipt of the recommendations, the
8 speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the recommended
9 allocations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
10 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
11 budgets of state agencies and to the joint standing committee or
12 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of the subject
13 matter relating to such recommended allocations, as determined by the
14 speaker and the president pro tempore. Within thirty days of their
15 receipt of the Governor's recommended allocations, the committee
16 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
17 budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with the committee or

18 committees of cognizance, shall advise the Governor of their approval
19 or modifications, if any, of such recommended allocations. If the joint
20 standing committees do not concur, the committee chairpersons shall
21 appoint a committee on conference which shall be comprised of three
22 members from each joint standing committee. At least one member
23 appointed from each committee shall be a member of the minority
24 party. The report of the committee on conference shall be made to each
25 committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the report. The report of
26 the committee on conference may not be amended. If a joint standing
27 committee rejects the report of the committee on conference, the
28 Governor's recommended allocations shall be deemed approved. If the
29 joint standing committees accept the report, the committee having
30 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of
31 state agencies shall advise the Governor of their approval or
32 modifications, if any, of such recommended allocations, provided if
33 the committees do not act within thirty days, the recommended
34 allocations shall be deemed approved. Disbursement of such funds
35 shall be in accordance with the Governor's recommended allocations
36 as approved or modified by the committees. After such recommended
37 allocations have been so approved or modified, any proposed transfer
38 to or from any specific allocation of a sum or sums of over fifty
39 thousand dollars or ten per cent of any such specific allocation,
40 whichever is less, shall be submitted by the Governor to the speaker
41 and the president pro tempore and approved, modified or rejected by
42 the committees in accordance with the procedures set forth in this
43 subdivision. Notification of all transfers made shall be sent to the joint
44 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
45 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
46 and to the committee or committees of cognizance, through the Office
47 of Fiscal Analysis. In disbursing such funds, no additional or matching
48 funds or contributions shall be required from the recipients of such
49 funds; (2) if, during any fiscal year, federal funding for programs
50 financed by state appropriations with federal reimbursements is
51 reduced below the amounts estimated under the provisions of section

52 2-35, the Governor shall submit recommendations to the joint standing
53 committee having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
54 the budgets of state agencies and to the committee of cognizance, for
55 legislation necessary to modify funding for such programs consistent
56 with such reductions in federal funding.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	4-28b
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the imposition of any matching grant on federal block grant funds.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]